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For: Synthetic Resin Emulsion and Sealer Composition
Containing the Same for Recoating

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15 as follows:

3. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the alkyl (meth)acrylate, in which the alkyl group has 4 or less carbon atoms, is selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, ethyl acrylate, and ethyl methacrylate.

4. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the copolymerizable monomer is a monomer having a functional group selected from the group consisting of glycidyl, ureido, acetoacetoxy, acetoacetyl, amide, allyl, silyl, nitrile, and hydroxyl groups.

6. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 4, wherein the monomer having a functional group is acetoacetoxyethyl (meth)acrylate.

7. (Amended) A sealer composition for recoating a coating, comprising the synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the topcoating material is an elastic coating material, an acrylic resin coating material, an acryl/styrene resin coating material, an acryl/silicone resin coating material, a silicone resin coating material, an acryl/urethane resin coating material, or an urethane resin coating material.

14. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the sealer composition further comprises an aqueous dispersion of a chlorinated polyolefin.

15. (Amended) Use of the synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1, for the production of a sealer composition for recoating of a coating.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached document is entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,



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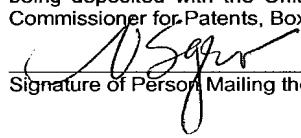
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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15 as follows:

3. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the alkyl (meth)acrylate, in which the alkyl group has 4 or less carbon atoms, is selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, ethyl acrylate, and ethyl methacrylate.

4. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[to 3], wherein the copolymerizable monomer is a monomer having a functional group selected from the group consisting of glycidyl, ureido, acetoacetoxy, acetoacetyl, amide, allyl, silyl, nitrile, and hydroxyl groups.

6. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 4 [or 5], wherein the monomer having a functional group is acetoacetoxyethyl (meth)acrylate.

7. (Amended) A sealer composition for recoating a coating, comprising the synthetic resin emulsion according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 6].

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 11 [or 12], wherein the topcoating material is an elastic coating material, an acrylic resin coating material, an acryl/styrene resin coating material, an acryl/silicone resin coating material, a silicone resin coating material, an acryl/urethane resin coating material, or an urethane resin coating material.

14. (Amended) The method according to [any one of] claim[s] 11 [to 13], wherein the sealer composition further comprises an aqueous dispersion of a chlorinated polyolefin.

15. (Amended) Use of the synthetic resin emulsion according to [any one of claims] 1 [to 6], for the production of a sealer composition for recoating of a coating.